

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed March 22, 2006 has been carefully reviewed along with the references cited therein. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable drawing figure 7 of U.S. Patent No. 5,317,489 (Gatti et al.) in view of drawing figure 3 of Gatti et al. The Examiner also rejected claims 30, 32, 33 and 34 under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,890,085 (Andeweg). The Examiner indicated that claims 1-3, 8, 10-13, and 15-29 are allowed. Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter.

Claim 30 has been amended to recite "said reflector being configured to focus light towards a first axis and to disperse light along a second axis." In Gatti et al., the reflector 42 has a conical configuration that would not focus light towards a first axis and disperse light along a second axis. Moreover, Gatti et al. provides no motivation for a reflector being configured to focus light towards a first axis and to disperse light along a second axis. In view of this, amended claim 30, and those claims that depend from claim 30, patentably define over Gatti et al.

Andeweg also discloses a conical or parabolic shaped reflector 236. This reflector is not configured to focus light towards a first axis and to disperse light along a second axis. Moreover, there is no motivation in Andeweg to modify the reflector such that it would be configured to focus light towards a first axis and to disperse light along a second axis. In view of this, claim 30, and those claims that depend from claim 30, define over Andeweg.

Claim 36 has been added to the application. Claim 36 is similar to claim 30. Claim 36, however, recites that the elongated envelope defines "a first axis along its greatest dimension." Claim 36 also recites a "plurality of LEDs attached to said flexible power cord."

Claim 36 also recites "a reflector positioned in relation to said plurality of LEDs such that light emitted from said plurality of LEDs is directed from said reflector toward the light-transmissive portion of said elongated envelope and generally along the first axis." Neither Gatti et al. nor Andeweg disclose a reflector positioned in relation to a plurality of LEDs such that light emitted from the plurality of LEDs is directed from the reflector towards a light-transmissive portion of an elongated envelope and generally along an axis along a greatest dimension of the envelope. Instead, in Gatti et al. a single light source 44 is associated with a single reflector 42. Similarly, in Andeweg a single light source 235 is

associated with a single reflector 236. Neither reference teaches or suggests a reflector positioned in relation to a plurality of LEDs as recited in claim 36. In view of this, new claim 36 and claim 37, which depends from claim 36, patentably define over the references cited by the Examiner with regard to claim 30.

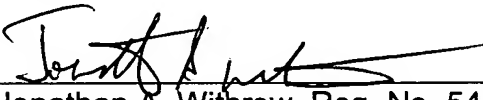
CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is respectfully submitted all claims remaining in the application are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early indication of the same is earnestly solicited. In any event, should the Examiner consider personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

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